

5<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Manager  
Philanthropy and Exemptions Unit  
Personal and Retirement Income Division  
The Treasury  
Langton Crescent  
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Madam/Sir

**Re: Exposure Draft –  
'In Australia' Special Conditions for Tax Concession Entities**

I am making representations on behalf of our church which has traditionally supported humanitarian and outreach ministry in India and other developing countries.

The main partner organization which we support is led and staffed by qualified Indians. It has provided opportunities for the lowest caste Indian tribals. Activities include medical intervention, feeding programs for children, literacy training, horticulture techniques, basic loans and savings schemes to reduce dependence on money lenders. The new adherence to Christian faith has led many to rejection of alcohol dependence.

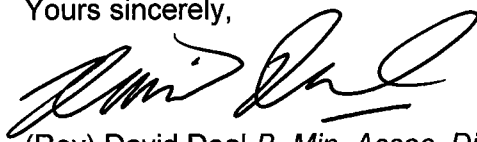
Professional advice suggests the exposure draft will have the following impact on Regents Park Community Church:

- If Regents Park Community Church donates any money to another entity that is not tax exempt, then Regents Park Community Church will lose its own tax exempt status.
- RPCC supports individuals belonging to other organizations also. It appears that those organizations will be declared as "not exempt from income tax" under the impending legislation.

For many years, Regents Park Community Church has transferred funds donated specifically for ministry overseas to India and also to Australians working as missionaries overseas.

I hope that the proposed changes can be modified so that a minimum threshold for donations to entities without income tax exempt status should be introduced into the legislation.

Yours sincerely,



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